

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 10 to read as follows:

a3 Figure 4 is a front view of one embodiment of the diaper I in an unlocked configuration. In this embodiment, the mechanical fastening system 4 includes a single fastener 20 that is one elongate flexible piece of generally rectangular material that wraps around the entire first waist region 50. The fastener 20 wraps around and anchors to the active landing material of the first waist region 50 of the outer cover 17. The two user ends 79 of the fastener 20 fasten anywhere on the active landing material of the second waist region 51 of the outer cover 17.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice to the patentability of the claim.

Please amend claims 2-6, 11, 20 and 21 to read as follows:

a4 sub 1 2. The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, which is an incontinence product.

3. The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, which is a diaper.

4. The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a generally rectangular shape, square shape, circular shape, triangular shape, oval shape, linear shape, or a combination thereof.

5. The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the at least one fastener is generally rectangular in shape.

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cont 6. The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the active fastening surface of the at least one single piece of flexible material is substantially covered by active fastening material.

a5 11. The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a anchor end and a user end.

a6 20. The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the outer cover provides an active landing material.

21. The disposable absorbent article of claim 52, wherein the outer cover comprises at least one attachment panel.

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice to the patentability of the claim.

Please amend claims 24, 26 and 32-34 to read as follows:

a7 24. The disposable absorbent article of claim 55, wherein the pair of ears comprise an elastomeric material.

a8 26. The disposable absorbent article of claim 55, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a anchor end and a user end.

32. The disposable absorbent article of claim 55, which is an incontinence product.

a⁹ 33. The disposable absorbent article of claim 55, which is a diaper.

34. The disposable absorbent article of claim 55, wherein the active fastening surface of the at least one single piece of flexible material is substantially covered by active fastening material.

Please cancel claim 36 without prejudice to the patentability of the claim.

Please amend claims 37-39, 41 and 44 to read as follows:

37. The disposable absorbent article of claim 57, which is an incontinence product.

a¹⁰ 38. The disposable absorbent article of claim 57, which is a diaper.

39. The disposable absorbent article of claim 57, wherein the active fastening surface of the at least one single piece of flexible material is substantially covered by active fastening material.

a¹¹ 41. The disposable absorbent article of claim 57, wherein the outer cover comprises a pair of ears.

a12 44. The disposable absorbent article of claim 57, wherein the at least one fastener comprises a anchor end and a user end.

Please add the following new claims:

52. A disposable absorbent article comprising:

a first waist region;

a second waist region;

a13 5 a crotch region extending longitudinally between the first and second waist regions, the absorbent article being foldable generally within the crotch region to configure said article with the first waist region in generally opposed relationship with second waist region; and

10 at least one fastener comprising a single piece of flexible material having an active fastening surface adapted for anchoring to said article generally at said first waist region and for fastening to said article generally at said second waist region to secure said article on a wearer.

53. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 52 wherein said article has an inner surface adapted for contiguous relationship with the body of the wearer and an outer surface, the at least one fastener being adapted for 5 anchoring to the outer surface of said article generally at said first waist region and for fastening to said outer surface at said second waist region to secure said article on the wearer.

54. A disposable absorbent article as set forth in claim 52 further comprising a liner defining the inner surface of said article, an outer cover in opposed relationship with the

liner and defining the outer surface of said article, and an
5 absorbent core between the liner and the outer cover.

55. A disposable absorbent article comprising:

a first waist region;

a second waist region;

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cm 5 a crotch region extending longitudinally between the first
and second waist regions, the absorbent article being foldable
generally within the crotch region to configure said article
with the first waist region in generally opposed relationship
with second waist region;

an outer cover;

10 a pair of ears generally at the first waist region; and

at least one fastener comprising a single piece of
flexible material having an active fastening surface adapted
for anchoring to the ears and for fastening to said article
generally at said second waist region to secure said article on
15 a wearer.

56. The disposable absorbent article of claim 55 wherein
the ears are formed integrally with the outer cover at the
first waist region of said article.

57. A disposable absorbent article comprising:

a first waist region;

a second waist region;

5 a crotch region extending longitudinally between the first
and second waist regions, the absorbent article being foldable
generally within the crotch region to configure said article
with the first waist region in generally opposed relationship
with second waist region; and